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| <b>Notice of Allowability</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |
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|                               | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |
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claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included  
with (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS  
NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative  
of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

This communication is responsive to the amendment of August 4, 2004.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 11 and 13-18.

The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**HIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**achment(s)**

Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
 Other

### **EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

1. The response of August 4, 2004 canceled claim 12 and added new claims 17 and 18. Accordingly, the claims now pending are claims 11 and 13-18.
2. The amendments and arguments in the Response overcome all the rejections of record, and accordingly, claims 11 and 13-18 are herein allowed.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

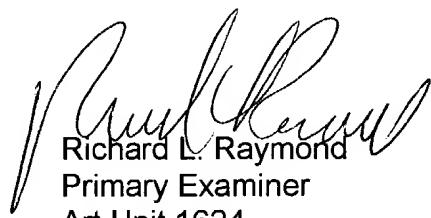
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. The application has been amended as follows:
5. In claim 11, on page 3 of the Response of August 4, 2004, in line 18, "TB" has been rewritten as -  $T_B$  --, and in line 19, "T1" has been rewritten as --  $T_1$  --.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM-8:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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